

throughout the Lehigh Valley to discuss the importance of the Battle of the Bulge and teach students about the great sacrifices made by thousands of American soldiers over time to preserve our freedom. The Chapter estimates its education program has reached over 50,000 students since its inception.

December 16, 2008, represents 64 years since the start of the famous Battle of the Bulge. On this date, members of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge will gather at 5:30 a.m. in two locations in my district to recognize the anniversary of this historic event and remember the many Americans who lost their lives ensuring Allied victory in World War II.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and thanking all members of the Armed Forces for their brave service to our country.

HONORING NEAL ROBERT
WINDHORST

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Neal Robert Windhorst of Kansas City, Missouri. Neal is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Neal has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Neal has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Neal Robert Windhorst for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JOSEPH HENRY BAKER, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama lost a dear friend this week, and I rise today to honor Joseph Henry Baker, Jr. and pay tribute to his memory.

Known affectionately as "Bobo," he was a native and lifelong resident of Mobile. Bobo graduated from Murphy High School and entered the U.S. Army at the height of World War II at the age of 17. He would ultimately retire from the U.S. Army Reserves with the rank of colonel.

As part of his military service, he attended both North Carolina State University and Oregon State University and earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Following the war, Bobo earned an accounting degree from the University of Alabama. He

was also named to the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration's All Time All Star Academic Team.

After finishing at the University of Alabama, Bobo began his career in the Mobile banking industry. During this time, he attended the National Trust School at Northwestern University, the New York State Trust School and Rutgers Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

In 1955, Bobo joined the auditing department of the First National Bank of Mobile, now AmSouth Bank. The following year he was promoted to assistant trust officer and then to trust officer in 1960. In 1965, Bobo was named assistant vice president. He was elected vice president in 1967, senior trust officer in 1969, senior vice president in 1974 and head of the trust department in 1975.

He was active in a number of professional banking organizations. He served as chairman of the Southern Trust Conference Planning Committee, president of the trust division of the Alabama Bankers Association, and member of the American Bankers Association.

Bobo was also active in a number of civic and community organizations. He was a former secretary and director of the Lion's Club of Mobile, former president of America's Junior Miss, former president of the Mobile Preschool for the Deaf, a founding member of both the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Family Counseling Center, and a member of the Senior Bowl Committee, the M.W. Smith Foundation, Quarterback Club, Mobile Touch-down Club, Coastal Conservation Association, Alabama Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited and the Mobile County Wildlife Association.

Bobo also gave much of his time to his beloved parish, St. Ignatius Catholic Church. He was a member of the Equestrian Society of the Holy Sepulchre, Legatus, the Serra Club of Mobile as well as Catholic Social Services. He has also served as treasurer and member of the board of directors of the McGill-Toolen Foundation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. Joseph Henry Baker, Jr. will be dearly missed by his family—his wife of 48 years, Mary; his children, Laura Blakely Cooper, Leigh Eleanor Givhan, Joseph Henry Baker III, and Mary Lucille Green; his 12 grandchildren, James Lucien Hinton III, Laura Blakely Hinton, Russell Baker Hinton, Mary Virginia Givhan, William Bowman Givhan, Jr., Eleanor Frances Givhan, Mary Deas Baker, Elizabeth Frances Baker, Charles Lansing Green, Jr., Mary Eleanor Green, Julia Baker Green, and Henry Harmon Green; his sister, Frances Baker Lauten; and his brother, William Costello Baker—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

A TRIBUTE TO MILDRED COUNCIL

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and applaud The Honorable Mildred Council, Mayor Pro Tempore of Greenville, North Carolina. Known across the

state for her longtime community service, Mayor Pro Tempore Council has spent 20 years steadfastly representing her constituents. The National League of Cities recently honored Mrs. Council with its 2008 Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award on Friday, November 14, 2008. This award recognizes women for implementing civic programs in local government. Mrs. Council has devoted her life and career to social work and public service, including a focus on mitigating the effects of sickle cell syndrome on her communities. Her example and accomplishments should serve as a model for future women leaders.

Mrs. Mildred Council is a native of Bethel, North Carolina. She graduated from Shaw University with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and later earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin. After first being elected to the Greenville City Council in 1987, she established Greenville's first Youth Council. She also cofounded the Women/Ladies of Distinction program, which mentors at-risk young female students in North Carolina schools. She has also served on 17 boards and commissions in her career including Sheppard Memorial Library Board and the Recreation and Parks Commission. She has been a 4-H leader, serving as a role model for many children in Pitt County.

Mayor Pro Tempore Council has been recognized throughout her career for her distinguished service. In 2006, she was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by North Carolina Governor Mike Easley. She was awarded the National Association of Black Social Workers 33rd Annual Conference Certificate of Appreciation for Significant Contribution to the African-American Community in 2007. She is also the recipient of the North Carolina Women in Municipal Government For Service As President Award. Further, she has received three awards from her religious community, including the Christian Awareness Organization Humanitarian Award.

Mayor Pro Tempore Council's commitment to her community is based in her strong faith and it permeates into all aspects of her life. She continues to work tirelessly to serve and assist the people with the greatest needs. With her help and support, there is now a Pitt County Habitat for Humanity office, located in the heart of Greenville. Her dedication to the community she faithfully serves truly makes her an exceptional leader and role model. She embodies the true spirit of a public servant by dedicating each day to improving the quality of life for every person living in her community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of Mildred Council.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS
NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam speaker, National Adoption Month is a time when Americans can come together to celebrate families grown by adoption. Individuals and families choose adoption for many reasons. Common to all adoptive families is that they offer loving,